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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 13. Trade and development

1. At its 38th and 39th meetings, on 14 September 1992, the Committee considered revisions to programme 13 (Trade and development) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6 (Prog. 13)).

Discussion

2. A number of delegations referred to the need for effective coordination by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) with other United Nations entities and organizations in order to avoid duplication of activities.

Conclusions and recommendations

3. The Committee noted that the Secretary-General's proposals on the allocation of high priority to subprogrammes in paragraph 13.30 had not yet been substantively reviewed by the concerned intergovernmental body. In the circumstances and with the late availability of relevant documents, the Committee was unable to make substantive recommendations on the issue of priorities, and recommended that the General Assembly, to assist it in giving further consideration to this issue, be provided with the advice of the Trade and Development Board.

4. With this exception, the Committee recommended endorsement of the textual amendments to the revisions proposed by the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget of the Trade and Development Board.

5. The Committee recommended approval of the revisions to programme 13 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 subject to the above recommendations and with the following modifications:

(a) In paragraph 13.31, a reference to the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development should be added;

(b) In paragraph 13.68, a reference to General Assembly resolution 46/145 should be added.

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 14. Trade expansion, export promotion and service sector development

1. At its 38th and 39th meetings, on 14 September, the Committee considered revisions to programme 14 (Trade expansion, export promotion and service sector development) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6 (Prog. 14)).

Conclusions and recommendations

2. The Committee noted that the Secretary-General's proposals on the allocation of high priority to subprogrammes in paragraph 14.13 had not yet been substantively reviewed by the intergovernmental body concerned. The Committee, in these circumstances and with the late availability of relevant documents, was unable to make substantive recommendations on the issue of priorities, and recommended that the General Assembly be provided with the advice of the Trade and Development Board to assist it in giving further consideration to the issue.

3. With that exception, the Committee recommended endorsement of the textual amendments to the revisions proposed by the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget of the Trade and Development Board.

4. The Committee recommended approval of the revisions to programme 14 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, subject to the above recommendations.

5. At its 42nd meeting, on 16 September, the Committee considered additional revisions to programme 14 of the medium-term plan (A/47/6 (Prog. 14)/Add.1).

Discussion

6. A number of delegations expressed regret that the late issuance of the document did not allow time for the proposed revisions to be examined thoroughly.

7. A number of delegations stressed the importance of coordinating activities concerning the least developed countries implemented under programmes 14 and 15.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee recommended approval of the additional revisions to programme 14 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997.

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 15. Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes

1. At its 38th and 39th meetings, on 14 September, the Committee considered revisions to programme 15 (Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6 (Prog. 15)).

Conclusions and recommendations

2. The Committee recommended endorsement of the amendment to the revisions proposed by the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget of the Trade and Development Board.

3. The Committee recommended approval of the revisions to programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, subject to the above recommendation and with the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 15.11: Replace "and serious debt servicing problems" with "serious external sector problems and geographical handicaps where appropriate";

(b) Paragraph 15.12 (b): At the end of the paragraph, add "designed to promote sustainable development and economic and social progress";

(c) Paragraph 15.13 (b): At the end of the paragraph, replace "in the context of the international environment and domestic factors" with "taking into account their development strategies and the international environment";

(d) Paragraph 15.19 (a): Insert the words "and transit" after "land-locked".

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 17. Science and technology for sustainable development

1. At its 40th meeting, on 15 September 1992, the Committee considered revisions to programme 17 (Science and technology for sustainable development) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6 (Prog. 17)).

Discussion

2. A number of delegations were of the view that the proposed revisions placed excessive emphasis on the environmental aspects of science and technology issues and did not take into account the needs of developing countries to strengthen their technological capacities, including through access to new technologies. In this context they felt that the proposed new title of programme 17 unduly reduced the scope of the programme. A number of delegations, however, supported the proposals of the Secretary-General.

3. A number of delegations were of the view that the narrative of the programme was too general and lacked a concrete and specific description of what would be done and what was expected to be achieved.

4. A number of delegations felt that subprogramme 4 was of limited importance and could be deleted. Related activities could be transferred to other subprogrammes under programme 17 and to programme 38 (Public information), as appropriate.

5. One delegation proposed that subprogrammes 1 and 2 be consolidated into one subprogramme entitled "Industrial technology".

6. One delegation proposed the following amendments to the revisions:

(a) Paragraph 17.4 (d): Insert the words "avoiding duplication and" after the words "with a view to";

(b) Paragraph 17.4 (e): Replace the text of subparagraph (e) with the following: "to support and harmonize with the work of the high-level Commission on Sustainable Development, to be established in accordance with chapter 38 of Agenda 21, within the mandate of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development";

(c) Paragraph 17.7: In the penultimate sentence delete the word "effectively" and after the word "reasonable" insert the word "far-sighted".

7. One delegation questioned the rationale for replacing the words "where possible" with "as needed" in the first sentence of paragraph 17.18 and suggested that the existing text be retained.

8. One delegation did not agree with the deletion of paragraph 17.19 and suggested that the paragraph be retained.

9. One delegation proposed that the words "increasing the efficiency" in paragraph 17.21 (g) be replaced by the words "wider application".

Conclusions and recommendations

10. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed revisions to programme 20 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 with the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 17.11: At the end of the paragraph, delete the following words: "and the Task Force on Sustainable Development of the Administrative Committee on Coordination";

(b) Paragraph 17.12: In the third line from the bottom, after the word "particularly" insert the words "Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and";

(c) Paragraph 17.24 (f): After the words "developing countries" insert the words "and countries in transition from central planning to a market economy";

(d) In the general orientation part of the narrative, reference should be made to the need to address specific problems that countries in transition from central planning to a market economy confront in strengthening their technological capacity.

11. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly review the proposed revisions to the titles of programme 17 and subprogramme 1 in the light of the relevant mandates. Pending the decision of the Assembly on this issue, the Committee recommended that the existing titles be maintained.